

Firearms License Information

Firearms License applications may be made Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM, excluding holidays, in the Probate Court, 325 Riley Road, Room 122, Dahlonega, Georgia 30533.

Basic Requirements:

1. Applicant must be not less than 21 years of age;
2. Applicant must be a resident of Lumpkin County to apply for and receive the license here;
3. Applicant who is not a citizen of the United States must provide proof of legal presence;
4. Applicant must provide a valid driver's license showing a Lumpkin County address;
5. Applicant must not currently be on probation for any offense;
6. Applicant must be fingerprinted and submit to a criminal and mental health records check; non citizens submit to an Immigrant Alien Inquiry through the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency;
7. Applicant must not have any legal disqualification to receipt of the license. [Important: Please see the notes below concerning ineligibility of certain persons.]

Fees, Costs and Procedure:

1. A fee of \$70.00 (cash, check or money order) payable to Lumpkin County Probate Court. This fee covers the application charge, plus the charge for fingerprinting records checks. Credit Cards and Debit Cards are not accepted.
2. As of July 1, 2006, renewal applications will be treated the same as original applications and will require a criminal history records check from both the GCIC and the FBI.
3. After the application has been completed at the Probate Court, the applicant must appear at the Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office for fingerprinting.
4. Note: There is no refund of any part of the application and other fees once the application is filed and the process has begun. [Important: Please see the following notes concerning ineligibility of certain persons.]

5. Upon receipt of the required criminal and mental health records, and the Immigrant Alien Inquiry (if applicable), those records are reviewed for the applicant's eligibility to receive a license. Any questions concerning eligibility are referred to the Judge for determination. If the applicant is determined to be eligible to receive a license, the license is issued.

Ineligible Persons:

Under O.C.G.A. §16-11-129(b), no license may be issued to certain persons, as follows:

1. Pending Criminal Charges – Any person who is a fugitive from justice or against whom proceedings are pending for any felony, forcible misdemeanor, or violations of Code Sections 16-11-126 (carrying a concealed weapon), 16-11-127 (carrying deadly weapons to or at public gatherings), or 16-11-128 (carrying pistol without license) is ineligible to receive a license until such time as the proceedings are adjudicated.

2. Felony Conviction(s) – Any person convicted of or placed on probation as a first offender for a felony offense by a proper court is ineligible to receive a license, unless the person has (1) received a pardon which expressly authorizes the receipt, possession or transport of a firearm, (2) received from the Board of Public Safety relief from disabilities, or (3) been discharged from first offender probation without adjudication of guilt. The pardon, relief or discharge must be exhibited to the Court. If application is made based upon relief from disabilities, the applicant must have been free of supervision for not less than five years for non-forcible felony convictions or not less than ten years for forcible felony convictions.

3. Drug Convictions – Any person who has been “convicted” of any offense arising out of the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession or use of a controlled substance or dangerous drug is ineligible to receive a license, unless that person has been pardoned. Note: for purposes of drug offenses only, “conviction” includes a plea of guilty, a finding of guilt by a court of competent jurisdiction, the acceptance of a plea of nolo contendere, or the affording of first offender treatment. Even a person who has received a pardon or has completed first offender probation and been discharged without adjudication of guilt for an offense involving illegal drugs is *ineligible* to receive a license.

4. Misdemeanor Convictions – Any person who has been convicted of a forcible misdemeanor is ineligible to receive a license until the person has been free of restraint or supervision for at least five years.

5. Other Convictions – Any person who has been convicted of an offense under Code Sections 16-11-126 (carrying a concealed weapon), 16-11-127 (carrying deadly weapons to or at public gatherings), or 16-11-128 (carrying pistol without license) is ineligible to receive a license until the person has been free of restraint or supervision for at least three years.

6. Mental Health Hospitalization – Any person who has been hospitalized as an inpatient in any mental hospital or alcohol or drug treatment center within five years prior to the date of the application is ineligible to receive a license, unless the Judge, in his discretion, issues the license after consideration of the circumstances surrounding the hospitalization and any recommendation by the superintendent of the hospital or treatment center where the applicant as a patient.

Further, under the Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C. §921 *et seq.*, any person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence is ineligible to receive a license, unless the person has received a pardon or relief from disabilities, and any person who has ever been involuntarily committed to an inpatient mental health treatment facility is ineligible to receive a license.